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Three-stage process to identify persons with disabilities for pilot project



Vice President U Henry Van Thio addresses the fourth National Committee on Rights of Persons with Disabilities (NCRPD) meeting 1/2019 in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

VICE President U Henry Van Thio in his capacity as the chairman of the National Committee on Rights of Persons with Disabilities (NCRPD) attended and addressed the fourth NCRPD meeting 1/2019 held at the assembly hall of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

At the meeting the Vice President said all over the world the rights of the persons with disabilities were being raised in order for them to have equal right obtained by the non-disabled citizens. However, based on findings of researches conducted internationally and in Myanmar, disabled persons were still facing various inequalities,

To understand the disability wise specific requirements and to conduct sustainable development works, an accurate data and information on disability is required.

especially in opportunities for education and employment and are more likely to be burdened by poverty.

In accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) that Myanmar had ratified, the Law on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2015) and Rules

on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (2017) were enacted. To effectively implement the rights in the law and rule, a National Committee was formed in 2017 and work committees were formed at Nay Pyi Taw Council and State/Region levels and designated work duties and responsibilities.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat meets with President of European and International Affairs Section of CESE Mr. Jean-Marie Cambaceres in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

PYITHU HLUTTAW Speaker U T Khun Myat received Mr. Jean-Marie Cambaceres, President of European and International Affairs Section of CESE (the Economic, Social and Environmental Council) and former member of Parliament of France at the Pyithu Hluttaw building in

Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. At the meeting, they discussed and exchanged views on matters to be cooperated to strengthen the relations between the two parliaments, the role of the CESE and its collaboration with civil society organizations in different sectors of the country and CESE's

cooperation with international parliaments and promoting the capacity of staff of office of parliament. Also present at the meeting were Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Tun Tun Hein and officials of the Pyithu Hluttaw Office. —MNA/(Translated by Tun Tun Naing)

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker receives President of European and International Affairs Sector of France's CESE



Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than meets with President of European and International Affairs Section of CESE Mr. Jean-Marie Cambaceres in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

AMYOTHA HLUTTAW Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than received Mr. Jean-Marie Cambaceres, President of European and International Affairs Section of CESE (the Economic, Social and Environmental Council) and former member of Parliament

of France at the Amyotha Hluttaw building in Nay Pyi Taw at 1 pm yesterday. At the meeting, they discussed legislation sector of the parliament in Myanmar and undertakings of the European and International Affairs Section of

CESE (the Economic, Social and Environmental Council) of France and experiences. Also present at the meeting together with the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker were officials of the Office of Amyotha Hluttaw. — MNA/(Translated by Tun Tun Naing)

Union Minister for Information leaves for Cambodia to attend Asia Media Summit-2019

A MEDIA delegation led by Union Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint left Yangon for Cambodia yesterday to attend the Asia Media Summit-2019 in Siem Reap. The summit is scheduled to be held from 12 to 14 June with its motto "Media Digitisation—Focusing on Developing Markets".

The delegation was seen off at the Yangon International Airport by officials of the ministry. The delegation led by the Union Minister is comprised of Deputy Permanent Secretary U Myint Kyaw and U Zeyar, Director (Broadcast) of the Myanmar Radio and Television.—MNA (Translated by Tun Tun Naing)



Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint departs for Cambodia to attend the Asia Media Summit-2019 in Siem Reap yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

UEC Chairman, Indian Ambassador discuss holding 2020 general election

U HLA THEIN, Chairman of the Union Election Commission, received Mr. Saurabh Kumar, Ambassador of India, at the office of UEC in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

At the meeting, they discussed measures being taken by the UEC to hold the 2020 general election free and fair and with transparency of the acceptable election.

They also discussed the electoral trainings jointly conducted by the UEC and Election Commission of India to promote the capacity of staff of UEC.

The two sides also exchanged views on suggestions to use IT in the 2020



UEC Chairman U Hla Thein meets with Indian Ambassador Mr. Saurabh Kumar at the UEC's Office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

general election.

The meeting was also attended by members of the

UEC and officials of the UEC Office. —MNA (Translated by Tun Tun Naing)

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In addition to this, to support the National Committee and work committees, education sub-committee, health sub-committee, monitoring and assessment sub-committee, disabled women and children affairs sub-committee, information and technology sub-committee, natural disaster and other emergency sub-committee were also formed.

The government was mainly arranging for long term sustainable development of disabled persons. In doing this, registering and categorizing disabilities is playing an important role. Categorizing, registering and issuing identifications to disabled persons will support positive views and understanding on social development, social integration and economic development in both urban and rural areas.

The process of identifying persons with disabilities for a pi-

lot project in Yangon and Bago regions and Kayin State will be split into three stages. In the first stage, the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and UNICEF (Myanmar) will jointly draft categories for the classification of disabled persons, which will have to be approved. In the second and third stage, the Ministry of Health and Sports will designate the categories. After the three stages are completed, the pilot project will be implemented.

It was a proud and happy occasion to note that Myanmar Federation of Persons with Disabilities (MFPD) had formed nine sub-offices for Persons with Disabilities in Nay Pyi Taw Council, Yangon Region, Magway Region, Ayeyawady Region, Bago Region, Sagaing Region, Kachin State, Chin State and Mon State. Another important work for the persons with disabilities is during the natural disaster and emergency situation. By not keeping them aside

and making them participate in natural disaster and emergency situation, their requirements will also be truly fulfilled. To understand the disability wise specific requirements and to conduct sustainable development works, an accurate data and information on disability is required.

According to some news and information, from 2017 to 2018 there were 25 cases of sexual violence against persons with disabilities. As per the aims of the law cooperation between Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, Ministry of Home Affairs and legal organizations is required. Creating an obstacle free society for persons with disabilities is achieving sustainable development for persons with disabilities said the Vice President.

Next, the NCRPD Vice Chairman 1 Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye explained briefly about the work

processes of the committee.

This was followed by a message of greeting from NCRPD interim Vice Chairman 2 MFPD interim chairman U Thein Lwin.

Afterwards Committee Secretary Deputy Minister U Soe Aung explained about status of works completed on decisions made at the third NCRPD meeting. Union Minister U Kyaw Tin, Deputy Ministers, Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Vice Chairman, State/Region ministers for social affairs, officials, representatives of persons with disabilities, representatives from non-government social organizations, volunteers then explained and discussed about works conducted for persons with disabilities.

Later the NCRPD joint secretary and MFPD general secretary U Myat Thu Win delivered a speech of appreciation.

In his concluding speech the Vice President spoke of thinking

about persons with disabilities when establishing future basic infrastructures, discussions and suggestions made in the day's meeting were to be worked out cooperatively departmental wise and all to cooperate in future work processes.

After the meeting the Vice President took commemorative group photo with meeting attendees. The meeting was attended by NCRPD Vice Chairman 1 Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye, Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin, Deputy Ministers, Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Vice Chairman, State/Region ministers for social affairs, Permanent Secretaries, directors general, officials, officials from MFPD, organizations for persons with disabilities and related organizations. — MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)

1038 lots of Jades worth over K18 bln sold on 4th day of Myanmar Gems Emporium

FOURTH day of Myanmar Gem Emporium continued at Mini Yadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw.

At 10 am, Union Minister for Natural Resource and Environmental Conservation U Ohn Win and the entourage went about different Gems on display at different zones and met with merchants.

It was reported that Jade lots No. 1 to 1050 were on display yesterday, from which 1038 lots were sold at K18800.16 Million, and jade lots No. 1050 to 2100 will be sold on 12 June and Jade lots No. 2100 to 3108 on 13 June.

“There are two types Emporiums, one sold in Foreign

currency and another one in local currency. The former is held for foreign currency depending on the demands of international merchants, and latter for the small business people in gem industry to obtain raw material, for merchants to be able to sell in MMK and for money flow. This is the aims of this emporium” said Joint secretary of Central Committee on holding the Gems Emporium U Than Zaw Oo.

“At emporium, there are raw jades and gem stones. Raw Gem stones are mostly bought by people from Mogok and raw jades are bought by merchant from Mandalay. According to the

emporium list, about 2000 merchant come to emporium. Both buyer and seller are considered gem merchant. Now there are about 400 buyers. People, who paid tender deposit, are consider to be actual buyer and the rest are helps to the emporium” he added.

“Today is for jade sale day. Permits are being issued systematically. The gems are sold by open tender. Similar gems are on display in respective designated zones. Serial number, weight and number of stone are labeled on each jade lot. Base on that tender proposals are to be made. The highest bidder, who has paid tender deposit,



Union Minister U Ohn Win observes the quality of the jade stones at the Myanmar Gems Emporium in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

will be issued permit to buy. The floor price is K 1million. It is allowed to buy 10 times as much as tender deposit” said General Manager U Than Zaw Oo. He went on to explain the taxation “ according to Union Tax Law, 15 per cent commercial tax on raw material and 10 per cent on finished gems is to be paid. According to Gemstone Law, 3 per cent on raw jade and 1 per cent on finished gems as service charges.” Ko Aung Tha Htoo, who was looking to make tender proposal, said “ I am from Mandalay. As the gemstones are sold in Myanmar Kyat, it is convenient for people of all levels to buy. The floor price is 10 lakhs, so they

can buy what they can lay their hands on. Gem sales depends on the market. In dealings, many potential profitable are seen after purchase. The opinions are different in gemstone business. I want all gem merchant to do well and Myanmar Gem market rise to a certain level. Strict restriction should be imposed on smuggling of gemstones out of the country. There should also be an organization, which insure according to Law, for dealings. This will increase the value of Myanmar gemstone, tax for the country, and this will also help the people in this industry”. — Min Min Zaw (Kalewa)

(Translated by Alphonsus)



Fourth day of the Gems Emporium, focused on the selling of raw gemstones and jade stones, continued at the Mani Yadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

China's South, Southeast Asia commodity expo aims to ink \$86 bln

A press conference on the 2019 South and Southeast Asia Commodity Expo and Investment Fair (SSACEIF) was held at Haigeng Convention Center in Kunming, China, at 9 am local standard time.

Firstly, Mr. Zhang Guohua, chairman of the Executive Committee of the SSACEIF and Deputy Governor of Yunnan Province, explained how the expo will support the Belt & Road Initiative.

Next, officials replied to journalists from within the re-

gion and from south and south-east Asian countries.

The exposition will be held today in Kunming and will focus on displays of artificial intelligence, virtual reality and augmented reality. The expo will have six major exhibition areas and feature displays from over 74 countries and organizations. The organizers said a total of 3,348 enterprises from China and abroad will be attending and they estimate to sign contracts worth US\$ 86.7 billion in total.

Later in the evening, jour-



Mandalay Region Chief Minister Dr. Zaw Myint Maung addresses the 2nd China-South Asia Cooperation Forum held at Hilton Hotel in Yuxi, China, yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

nalists gathered news at the 2nd China-South Asia Cooperation Forum held at Hilton Hotel

in Yuxi.

Mandalay Region Chief Minister Dr. Zaw Myint Maung

delivered a speech at the forum.

—Zaw Min Aung, Sandar Tun
(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

Mobile library service benefits school children in Toungoo District



Toungoo students selecting books from a mobile library organized by the Information and Public Relations Department and Shanti Volunteer Association of Japan. **PHOTO: MNA**



In the left picture, a teacher acts out the story of cooperation between forest friends, borrowed from the mobile library organized by the Information and Public Relations Department and Shanti Volunteer Association, with students while in the right picture, a teacher recites a story from a book also borrowed from the mobile library. **PHOTO: MNA**

TO DEVELOP the love for literature and books in rural youth and students mobile library activities were carried out at Thittaw Basic Education Primary school in Ottwin Township, Toungoo District, Hinn Gout Pin High School and two schools in Htantabin Township yesterday morning.

Mobile Library service is the collaboration between the Information and Public Relations Department and Shanti Volunteer Association (SVA) of Japan. The service will include activities such as physical exercises, storytelling with comic books, plays on board, paper puppet shows and reading comic book. They will also let each school take out 100 books monthly.

The service had already been carried out in Toungoo and Yedashe townships on Monday, and will be carried out in two basic education schools in Pyu and Kyaukgyi townships.

“Mobile Library moves around in Tri-motorcycle. Each school can take out 100 books every month. By telling stories with pictures, showing board and paper puppet plays, students will develop reading skill and habit of reading. Teachers can also use the books as teaching materials. The service can result in students being able to retell stories and wanting to take out and read the books” said Director of SVA Ms. Akinakahara.

Information and Public Relations Department and SVA signed Memorandum of Understanding in 2014 for production of books for children, improvement of reading skill and child literacy. Now the service is available in 14 townships in Pyay and Thayawady districts, Bago Region. In 2019-2020 Academic Year it will be available 15 selected schools in 6 townships in Toungoo District, from June.—MNA

(Translated by Alphonsus)



LIFT Forum 2019 celebrated in Nay Pyi Taw

THE opening ceremony of Livelihood and Food Security Trust Fund (LIFT) Forum 2019 was held at Kempinski Hotel, Nay Pyi Taw on 11 June 2019.

The ceremony was attended by Union Ministers, senior officials from ministries concerned, ambassadors from embassies of donor countries and representatives from development partners.

At the ceremony, Dr. Aung Thu, Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, U Thaung Tun, Union Minister for Investment and

Foreign Economic Relations and Andrea Faulkner, Australian Ambassador to Myanmar gave opening remarks.

LIFT Fund is a multi-donor trust fund and it was established in Myanmar in 2009. Since 2010, LIFT has been operating in the areas of agriculture, livelihood, micro-finance, nutrition and migration with the total funding of US\$ 509 million to improve the lives and prospects of small-holder farmers and landless people in rural Myanmar.— MNA ■



Union Ministers Dr. Aung Thu, U Thaung Tun, Ambassadors from embassies of donor countries and representatives from development partners pose for the documentary photo at the opening ceremony of LIFT Forum 2019 in Nay Pyi Taw on 11 June 2019. PHOTO: MNA

Coord meeting held on implementing RFID system

A COORDINATION meeting on permission to use roadside land, acquiring electricity, construct infrastructures, link up with security and other transport facilities for Ministry of Transport and Communications Road Transportation Administration Department (RTAD) to implement a Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) system was held at Ministry of Transport and Communications meeting hall yesterday.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications U Kyaw Myo and Nay Pyi Taw, State/Region ministers for transport, Permanent Secretaries from relevant ministries, directors general and officials.

At the meeting Deputy Minister U Kyaw Myo gave an opening remark about implementing RFID system, assessment and selection on hiring a consulting agency and future work processes and RTAD Director General U Zaw Min Oo explained in detail about

matters in conceptual plan on implementing RFID system, status of conducting feasibility study after signing contract agreement, works to be conducted in cooperation with ministerial departments, Nay Pyi Taw/State/Region governments and smooth in-country work processes for RFID system.

Next, State/Region ministers and departmental officials also provided sector wise suggestions and discussions.

RFID system was being implemented to resolve problems arising out of increasing numbers of vehicles, control and manage the vehicles, apprehending vehicles used in committing crimes, control and manage unlicensed/unregistered vehicles including motorcycles. By issuing RFID Sticker or RFID Tag to licensed/registered vehicles, vehicles including motorcycles without license/registration can be easily identified and apprehended.

As per the conceptual plan,

RFID Readers and Antennas will be installed at strategic places on union roads, major junctions in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay and cities in states and regions at the same time as the construction

of Main Data Center and Control Centers were underway.

Moon Engineering Joint Venture Co., Ltd. had won the tender to provide consultancy service for implementing RFID system and a contract will be

signed in the first week of July and then a feasibility study will be conducted as well as tenders for remaining services and materials will be issued it is learnt.— MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)



Deputy Minister U Kyaw Myo and officials hold a coordination meeting to implement a Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) system at the Ministry of Transport and Communications yesterday. PHOTO: MNA



Two suspects named Jahed Tusau and Jabu Raman detained in possession of drugs and a boat. PHOTO: MPF

Over K400 mln worth of drugs seized from Bangladeshi nationals

SECURITY forces patrolling along Zee Pin Creek in Maung-taw Township, Rakhine State, apprehended two Bangladeshi men in possession of 229,500 psychotropic tablets (estimated value at K459 million) yesterday.

The suspects have been identified as Jahed Tusau

and Jabu Raman, both from Laba Shayar Refugee Camp in Teknaf Township, Bangladesh. The two men were peddling the illegal drugs, hidden in two large gunny sacks, on a boat near the border when they were arrested by the patrol around 1:40 am.

Myanmar Police Force announced that a case has been opened and they are investigating further into the matter.—MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

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Additional statistical bulletin on drug seizures, acting on information

1. In order to prevent and eradicate the dangers of narcotic drugs and psychotropic drugs, the Office of the President has formed the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department on 26 June 2018 to systematically accept and respond to reports on drug abuses and other related cases from the general public.
2. With orders from the Office of the President, the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department relayed information on reports on drug-related offenses up to 8 June 2019 to the Ministry of Home Affairs to take action, as displayed below:

Sr.	Nature of report	Details on seizure and legal action taken
1	Information received of Hla Tun who lives in Zinn Village, Kanbalu Township, Sagaing Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 2 June 2019, police arrested Hla Tun, 42, son of U Yan Lin, who lives in Zinn Village, on the Shwebo-Myitkyina road, Zinn Village, Kanbalu Township together with heroin. A case has been opened him with MaMaSa(Kanbalu) MaYa(pa)7/2019 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
2	Information received of Eaik Soe who lives in Hmawyonmyaing Village, Homalin Tsp in Sagaing Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 2 June 2019, police searched the house of Eaik Soe (a) Aung Than Soe, 29, son of U Phoe Pe, in Hmawyonmyaing Village, Homalin Tsp, and arrested him and Tin Aung Moe, 27, son of U Tun Hla, together with heroin and opium. A case has been opened them with NaMaSa(Htamantthi) MaYa(pa)9/2019 under section 16(c), 20(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
3	Information received of Phoe Aye who lives in Kangyi Village, Kalay Tsp in Sagaing Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 4 June 2019, police searched the house of Phoe Aye, 46, son of U Phoe Sein, in Kangyi Village, Kalay Tsp, and arrested him together with heroin. A case has been opened him with MaMaSa(Kalay) MaYa(pa)82/2019 under section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
4	Information received of groups of people selling, distributing and using illegal drugs around the Sabei housing, between 19th and 22nd streets, Aungmyethazan Tsp, Mandalay Region.	On 2 June 2019, police arrested Win Hline Oo (a) Pechay, 20, son of U San Oo, who lives in U Phoetha Win Ward, Chanayethazan Tsp; Ye Lin Aung(a) Hmet Gyi, 30, son of U Aung Lin, who lives in between 79th-80th and 30th-31st streets; Letpwar (a) Paing Soe Thet, 24, son of U Sein Win who lives in Nyaunggon Ward, Mahaangmye Tsp; Min Khant Oo(a) Byargyi, 25, son of U Win Bo, who lives in Maha Myaing 1 Ward; Aung Kyaw (a) Aung Kyaw Kyaw, 32, son of U Moe Kyaw, who lives in Ubouthtaw Ward, Aungmyethazan Tsp; Chang Myae Aung(a) Aung Lay, 19, son of U Han Nyunt, who lives in Nyaungkhwe Ward; and Nway Oo, 49, son of U Kyaw Naing who lives in Amarapura Tsp; together with heroin near Building No 5, Sabei Housing, between 19th and 22nd, Aungmyethazan Tsp. A case has been opened them with MaMaSa(5)(Aungmyethazan) MaYa(pa)22/2019 under section 16(c) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
5	Information received of Yar Zar Tun who lives in Minwun Village, Myittha Tsp, Mandalay Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 5 June 2019, police searched a motorbike, on the road of Thittatkon Village, Myittha Tsp, driven by Phoe Kalar (a) Naing Htet Win, 22, son of U Phoe Aye, who lives in Minwun Village, and arrested him with '88/1' stimulant tablets and crashed stimulant tablets. Acting on a tip off, police arrested Yar Zar Tun, 28, son of U Tin Tun, who lives in Minwun Village, selling the drugs. A case has been opened them with YaKaSa(Yitkan) MaYa(pa)4/2019 under section 19(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
6	Information received of Win Oo who lives in Letpan Kharhla Village, Yamethin Tsp, Mandalay Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 7 June 2019, police searched the house of Phyo Ko Ko Aung, 28, son of U Sein Than, who lives in Shwezikhon Ward, Yamethin Tsp, and seized him with '88/1' stimulant tablets. Acting on a tip off, he bought the drugs from Win Oo, 45, son of U Tun Shwe, who lives in Letpan Kharhla Village. A case has been opened them with MaMaSa(Yamethin) MaYa(pa)12/2019 under section 19(a), 20(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. Acting on interrogation, police searched a motorbike driven by Win Oo on the road of Ywartan-Shwedat, near Letpan Kharhla Village, and seized him together with '88/1' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened him with NaMaSa(Ywatan) MaYa(pa)6/2019 under section 19(a) and 20(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
7	Information received of Myo Chit Ko who lives in Ngwe Pyi Thar 2 street, 32 Ward, Dagon Myothit Tsp (North), Yangon Region, using illegal drugs.	On 3 June 2019, police searched the house of Myo Chit Ko, 44, son of U San Lwin, who lives in Ngwe Pyi Thar 2 street, 32 Ward, Dagon Myothit Tsp (North), and arrested him 'WY' stimulant tablets and marijuana. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa(Dagonnorth)MaYa(pa)31/2019 under section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
8	Information received of Kalar(a) Tin Ko Ko who lives in Pangyan Street, 53 Ward, Dagon Myothit Tsp (South), Yangon Region, selling and distributing illegal drugs.	On 6 June 2019, police arrested Kalar(a) Tin Ko Ko, 20, son of U Myint Tun, who lives in Pangyan Street, 53 Ward and Wei Zin Htwe, 19, son of U Hla Htwe, who lives in Pale Ngweyaung St, of the same ward, together with "WY" stimulant tablets on the No2 Main Road, 26 Ward, Dagon Myothit Tsp (South). A case has been opened them with MaMaSa(Dagonsouth)MaYa(pa)52/2019 under section 19(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
9	Information received of groups of people using and selling illegal drugs in Panheik 8 Ward, Namtu Tsp, Shan State.	Police have opened 5 cases and arrested 6 men together with heroin and stimulant tablets in the previous weeks. On 2 June 2019, acting on a tip off, police arrested Daw Ngain, 48, son of U Myat Soung, who lives in Kyelgoung Village, Mantung Tsp, together with heroin and '88/1' stimulant tablets near old cemetery, Panheik 8 Village, Namtu Tsp. A case has been opened her with MaMaSa(Namtu)MaYa(pa)3/2019 under section 19(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
10	Information received of Aye Ko(a) Ko Lay who lives in Zarli Village, Nawngkhio Tsp, Shan State (north), selling and distributing illegal drugs.	On 2 June 2019, police searched a vehicle driven by Aye Ko (a) Ko Lay, 30, son of U Aye Kyaw, who lives in Zarli Village, Nawngkhio Tsp, and accompanied by Daw Aye Lon, 46, daughter of U War Lane, at the Oriental Gate, road to Nawngkhio Tsp, and arrested them with 'WY' stimulant tablets and opium. A case has been opened them with MaMaSa(Nawngkhio)MaYa(pa)45/2019 under section 19(a), 20(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

11	Information received of groups of people using and selling illegal drugs in downtown and wards of Tounggyi Tsp, Shan State.	Police have opened 17 cases and arrested 24 men and 3 woman together with heroin, opium block and psychotropic tablets in the previous weeks. On 4 June 2019, acting on a tip off, police arrested Kyaw Soe Myint, 21, son of U Thaug Myint, who lives in Shwetaung Ward, Tounggyi Tsp, with 'WY' stimulant tablets on Taungtanshe road, Shwetaung Ward, Taunggyi Tsp. A case has been opened him with MaMaSa (Taunggyi) MaYa (pa) 33/2019 under section 19(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
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3. Out of the information sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, so far a total of 651 cases have been opened files as of 1 June 2019. A total of 1023 people, including 859 men and 164 women had been arrested with seizures of 6162.7174 g of heroin, 73.67 g of ICE, 39709.74 g of opium, 329.6 g of low-quality opium, 19399.27 g of speciosa powder, 7833.19 g of speciosa, 1.5 liters of liquid speciosa, 300682 stimulant tablets, 8309.22 g of marijuana, 0.1 liters of opium tincture, 513.26 g of opium blocks, 60 g of poppy seeds, 28.45 g of crushed stimulant tablet powder, 0.001 g of crushed ecstasy powder, 16 firearms, different kinds of 257 cartridges and 1 grenade. Efforts for fighting the drug trafficking has been stepped up and the ministry will report on further exposed cases.

4. In addition to the investigations and arrests conducted on drug related complaints mentioned above, the Tatmadaw and Myanmar Police Force have also carried out separate investigations on drug complaints, search and arrests at border gates, and searches of vehicles acting upon given information.

During the previous week, multiple arrests were made in the border regions and joint-surveillance gates.

Upon acting on a tip-off, police arrested a man and a woman with 1640 stimulant tablets in Ywakauk Ward, Pynmana Tsp, Nay Pyi Taw. Police searched two men with a motorbike in Nantpote Village, Mohnyin Tsp, seized them with 5265 stimulant tablets, 220 g of heroin and a motorbike. A woman was arrested with 1140 stimulant tablets in Ashaesu Ward. Police arrested a man and a woman with 220 g of heroin and a bike on the road of Mohnyin-Wheykhar, Nanlan Village, Phakant Tsp. A woman was arrested with 490 stimulant tablets, 380 g of opium and 20 g of opium block at Sankwyal Village. Police searched a man with a bike at the mile post 195 on Bhamo-Mandalay, Nyaungkon Village, Shwegu Tsp, and seized him with 36100 stimulant tablets, 882 g of heroin and a bike.

A man was arrested with 2900 stimulant tablets and a motorbike on the road of Thantada-Manntha, Thantada Village, Mansi Township. Police seized a man with 214 stimulant tablets and a motorbike on the road of Saungkan Village, Loikaw Township, Kayah State. A man was arrested together with 9962 stimulant tablets in No 5 Ward, Myawady Town, Kayin State. Police arrested two men together with 12 stimulant tablets and 2.22 g of heroin at the Deanzan Village, Tiddim Tsp in Chin State.

A man was arrested with 1,633g of speciosa and one motorcycle on the road to Phayathonesu in Thetkaw Village, Thanbyuzayat Township, Mon State, and another man was also captured with 48,990g of speciosa and a Honda Fit vehicle at milepost (54/6-7) on Thanbyuzayat-Ye road. A woman was arrested with 282,750 stimulant tablets and a Probox vehicle at her house in Ywar Thi K Village in Maungtaw Township, Rakhine State, and a man was also confiscated with 34,000 stimulant tablets and one motorcycle on Zalae-Taunggyi road in Bangwe Village, Taunggyi Township, Shan State. A man was also arrested with 1,158 stimulant tablets and one motorcycle on the road of east Yadanabon Village in Yaksawk Township, and another man was also arrested in connection with this case with 30,000 stimulant tablets and one motorcycle on Loilem-Namhsan road near Khaelong Village in Loilem Township.

A man was arrested with 128 stimulant tablets and 1,224g of opium at Naungmai Village in Laikha Township, and another man was also captured with 80,000 stimulant tablets, 144g of opium and one motorcycle on the road of Konesa Village in Lashio Township. In two separate checks at the oriental toll gate in Hsenwi Township, a man was arrested with 1,850,000 stimulant tablets and a Landcruiser car, and other two men were captured with 29,000 stimulant tablets and one motorcycle.

Two women were also arrested with 168 stimulant tablets at Nantparchi Village in Kutkai Township, and a man was also arrested with 2,000 stimulant tablets and one motorcycle at No.3 Ward in Mongyai Town. A woman on a passenger bus was arrested with 3194g of opium on the road of Minepat Village in Tangyang Township, and two women were also confiscated with 2,600 stimulant tablets and 24g of heroin at Nantsan Villag, Muse Township.

A man and woman at the entrance of Kholon Village in Kutki Township were also captured with 1,400 stimulant tablets, 20g of heroin and a motorcycle. A man was captured with 970 stimulant tablets at the entrance of Nawngkhio Township on Muse-Mandalay road, and two men were also arrested with 1075 stimulant tablets at Yephyu Village.

A woman was confiscated with 1,730 stimulant tablets and 20g of heroin at Le Khoke Tan Village in Mongmit Township. A man was arrested with 3,900 stimulant tablets and 9g of heroin near Tapu Kyaing Village in Laukkai Township, and another man was also arrested with 3,900 stimulant tablets and one motorcycle at the entrance of Chinshwehaw Town on Laukkai-Chinshwehaw road. Twelve grams of ICE, 208 stimulant tablets and 250 g of opium were seized from a woman at Honar (ArKhar) Village in Tachilek Township, and 8.3g of low opium were also seized from a man and a woman at Naung Moe Village in Indaw Township.

Eleven stimulant tablets, 2.4g of heroin, 50 Buprenorphine tablets and one motorcycle were also seized from two men near the border of Myanmar-India in Tamu Township. Four men were captured with 500 stimulant tablets, 180.7g of heroin and three motorcycles at Naungmana Village in Phaungpyin Township, and two men were arrested with 757 stimulant tablets in Kanphya Ward, Myeik Town in Taninthayi Region. Two men were arrested with 8,510g of speciosa powder at Myopat (2) street, Shwe Pyi Soe Village in Kawthoung Township. Otshitkone highway police searched a car left after accident by a driver and seized 780,900 stimulant tablets and 900g of crushed stimulant tablet powder and the car on the highway road in DaikU Township, Bago Region.

Two men were arrested with 7,600 stimulant tablets, 18,000g of Katamine and a Nissan vehicle on DaikU-Nyaung Khar Shae road, and three men were also arrested with 359.26g of opium and 16.33g of marijuana at Letpan Dhakar Village in Minhla Township, Magwe Region. Three men and a woman were also arrested with 769 stimulant tablets and one motorcycle on Zayat Kwin-Lanlae Kyt Village road in Thabeikkyin Township, Mandalay Region, and 943g of ICE were also seized from a paper box at the Yangon International Airport during the check with X-Ray machine on the boxes that will be transported to New Zealand via Bangkok. A woman was also arrested with 16.33g of marijuana on Anawyahtar Road between 27th and 28th streets in No.5 Ward in Pabedan Township.

A man was arrested with 35 stimulant tablets and one motorcycle on a road in Thonepin Kwin Ward in Hinthada Town, and a Thai man was also arrested with 10 stimulant tablets and 1,000 g of ICE at Wankaung Ward in Tachilek Township, Shan State. An Indian man on a passenger bus who illegally entered was also captured with 81 Buprenorphine tablets on Tamu-Kalay road between Yan Taing Aung and Twivan villages in Tamu Township, Sagaing Region. Another Indian man who illegally entered was also arrested with 100g of heroin and one motorcycle near the Nantsapa Bridge, Htin Zin Village in Khampat Town.

There have been five seizures together with ammunition; a man was captured with 3,950 stimulant tablets, one pistol, one cartridge, seven bullets and a vehicle on the road of Arbaw Village, Ye Township in Mon State. A man was also arrested with 15 stimulant tablets, 33g of speciosa, a flintlock gun and 8 metal balls at Mawkanin Village in Lamaing Town. Two men and a woman were also captured with 15,955 stimulant tablets, 240g of crushed stimulant tablets, 80.2g of heroin, 100g of opium and 3 Tumi gun on Makhong-Sanlu village road in Tachilek Town, Shan State. A man was arrested with 5 stimulant tablets and one flintlock gun at Alae Sakan Village in Yephyu Township, Taninthayi Region. 760 stimulant tablets and an air gun were also seized from a house at Yayaye (Apyin) Village in Kyunsu Township.

A man who defended firing flintlock gun was also arrested by police shooting him at the house in Kyunkone Ward, Namtmati Town in Kachin State, and police also seized 0.3g of heroin, a flintlock gun, 42 metal balls and gun powder from this house.

There have been 215 cases being opened between 2-6-2019 and 8-6-2019. The total number of 286 people, including 242 men and 44 women, were arrested with a seizure of 3,074,310 stimulant tablets, 1,140 g of crushed stimulant tablet powder, 2,196.3033g of heroin, 1963 g of ICE, 4,793.73 g of opium, 13.4 g of low-quality opium, 8,550 g of speciosa powder, 50,656g of speciosa, 20 g of opium blocks, 54.06 g of marijuana, 131 Buprenorphine Tablets, 18,000g of Ketamine, 8 firearms, one cartridges, 7 bullets, 50 metal balls and gun powder.

5. To seize further drugs and to arrest drugs dealers, people are urged to inform the Ministry of Home Affairs, region and state governments and to inform huge cases of drug trafficking and other suspicious cases directly to the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department of the Office of the President via following contact numbers:

Contacts
Auto Telephone No. - 067-590200
Fax Phone No. - 067-590233
Email Address - antinarcotics@presidentoffice.gov.mm

Lack of healthcare must not lead to waste of human capital

THE Ministry of Health and Sports has sought ways for providing more effective healthcare services in Leshi, Lahe, and Nanyun townships in the Naga Self-Administered Zone of Sagaing Region, with extended undertakings covering vaccination, nutrition, maternal and child health, hygiene, school health, and environmental cleanliness.

The provision of healthcare remains the responsibility of the Union Ministry of Health and Sports. The assignment of the Ministry's staff in isolated areas has been a challenge for a long time due to lack of proper infrastructure, and difficulties in communication and transportation. They are the root cause of several problems in the Naga Self-Administered Zone, including malnutrition, disease outbreaks, and low levels of health knowledge and literacy.

Language barriers also pose significant challenges to providing effective health education messages and quality healthcare in the zone. The Naga community comprises several tribes and clans, and the Naga people speak 89 different languages and dialects.

Preventable and curable diseases are occurring in the Naga Self-Administered Zone as people lack health knowledge.

The outbreak of a 'mystery' disease in the Naga Self-Administered Zone in 2016 made headlines, shedding light on healthcare services in the area.

The unidentified disease started affecting people living in HtanKhaw-Lanma village of Lahe Township in June, 2016.

The disease spread quickly to other villages, including those in Nanyun Township, and led to the death of a number of children. The health authorities at both the regional and union levels were notified about the outbreak. They were told the symptoms of the disease were fever, coughing, rashes, and red and sore eyes. After hearing the news, health officials traveled to the area and confirmed that the 'mystery' disease was actually measles.

Measles is a highly infectious disease caused by a virus and spreads easily through coughing and sneezing. It can also spread through contact with nasal secretions. But, it can be prevented with a measles vaccination.

Preventable and curable diseases are occurring in the Naga Self-Administered Zone as people lack health knowledge.

Therefore, priority must be given to promoting health literacy, with healthcare professionals making efforts for increasing public understanding of health issues.

Taking into consideration the basic needs, including geography, transport, farming, trade, socioeconomic situation, development, health, knowledge level, belief, culture, customs, availability of healthcare, ability of healthcare providers, human resources, and other factors, we can find the best program for the region.

But, participation and inputs from local health officials, doctors, nurses, NGOs, and other persons in the health field are crucial to the mission.



Reducing occupational hazards in mining in Myanmar

By U Kyi Win (Padaung)

NEWs on unfortunate fatalities of workers suddenly creeps in at some mine accidents that occurred in many places such as that of Phakantjade mine; that of Thabeikkyin gold mine; that of Ohnchaw of Patheingyi rock mine; and that of Kalewa coal mine leaving sad stories and loss of lives. It happened over a short span of time.

Under many circumstances, most countries have adopted rules, regulations and enacted laws to decrease accidents.

Conference on reducing occupational hazards

The theme on the ways and means in reducing occupational hazards and safety in the mining industry was being taken up at a conference at M Gallery Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw on 6 and 7 May 2019.

Representatives from the government side, the employers' side, the workers' side, and experts from Singapore, Viet Nam, and the Philippines participated, which was held in collaboration with the Ministry of Labor, Immigration and Population and International Labor Organization (ILO).

In many countries, the laws with regards to relevant workplace safety and health act were being enacted, and that the representatives from Singapore, Viet Nam and the Philippines have shared their valuable expertise and vast experiences. Myanmar representative also participated and exchange views.

The Factories Act 1951 on occupational safety and health was enacted in 1951 and that the Law Amending the Factories Act 1951 (Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law No. 12 of 2016) and the Occupational Safety and Health Law, 2019 (Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law No 8 of 2019) have been in force.

Rock mine landslide meaning

Simply, the rock mine landslide means the large rocks and the earth slide down from the rock mountain due to lesser resistant of limestone. The definition of differential erosion could be categorized. Erosion that occurs at irregular or varying rates, caused by the differences in the resistance and hardness of surface materials; softer and weaker rocks are rapidly worn away, whereas harder and more resistant rocks

remain to form ridges, hills, or mountains.

Niagara fall collapsed on 28 July 1954 and that 185,000 tons of rocks fallen and slide down.

During rainy seasons, the incessant rainfalls entered the pore and caused the rock mine erosion and landslide due to the heavy pressure of water.

There are many different forces in nature that cause erosion. Depending on the type of force, erosion can happen quickly or take thousands of years. The three main forces that trigger erosion are water, wind, and ice.

Water is the main cause of erosion on Earth. Some reasons include such as that of weak slope stability; that of the steep slope formation; that of plain weakness; that of weak outer layer; that of water that entered underground; that of fracture due to mine explosion; that of harder rocks dropped down and pushed the softer layer creating erosion and also landslide.

Rock-fall and landslide bring great danger with heavy force, and that rainy season is to be earmarked with red alerts, where the expert surveillance is very much vital and critical.

The good pattern of hard rock layer formation maintains the mine from erosion. Calcareous and sand stone bring fractures and forced the rock mining into disaster. In the limestone region and areas, the fractures are caused at the joints due to the factors related to calcites, igneous

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rocks, granitic rocks and orogenic elements.

Basic causes of rock erosions and landslides

(1) Repeated mining with explosive in the narrow rock mountains causing fractures.

(2) Due to harsh weather and the other three main forces that cause erosion of 84 per cent



Mining can be costly in terms of lives.

are water, wind, and ice. Water is the main cause of erosion on earth.

(3) Trees that grow on the rocks caused wedge and plug and caused the mountain collapse.

(4) Abundant acidity in the rocks due to profuse rainfalls then caused rock erosions.

(5) Due to repeated use of explosives in narrow areas, it caused seismic waves and pulled the rocks down.

(6) The tremors and vibration of the machinery at the working face weakened the joints and

These were the factors that caused mining areas landslides.

Reducing mining landslides

Despite there are many factors causing mining areas landslide, it could be reduced the hazards by being careful and alert.

(a) Explosives should not be used at the same spot many times, and that it is advisable to select three spots for using explosives.

(b) Drill machines should be used as it could make lesser vibration.

(c) It is better to use milli-second delay detonators to reduce vibration.

(d) Cutting and removing the trees on top of the mountains could reduce the risks.

(e) Surfacing clearing is one of the methods in reducing the landslides.

(f) Reducing the working time on the edge of the mining areas is also a rule to follow.

(g) Slope angle, the bench height and the bench width are to be considered in drawing the mining design before actual implementation.

(h) When there are hanging stones at the edge, they are to be removed and pulled down with heavy machinery and explosives.

(i) Mining experts must always check the natural conditions of the mining areas and must conduct the sessions for briefing and discussions.

(j) Risky vicinity is to be demarcated and put up signs of "no

pulled down the rocks.

(7) The mining area becoming steeper and the mining design was erratic.

(8) Big boulders stick out as hanging stones resulting in weak attachment.

(9) Underground water existed in the area.

(10) Faults occurred due to earthquakes.

being pushed down with machinery would not make any harm and damage at the surface due to preventive mining design constructed. Berms are common safety features seen on mine property. Berms are found along haul roads and at dump sites and are often taken for granted. Windrows and guardrails are also included in the system.

Prevention of coal mine explosion

In the prevention of coal mine disaster, the responsible team must understand the chemicals and gas emitted in the area in details. They are as follows.

(Methane - CH₄);
(Carbon monoxide - CO₂);
(Carbon Dioxide - CO₂);
(Hydrogen Sulfide - H₂S)
(Hydrogen - H₂);
(Sulfur Dioxide - SO₂);
(Nitrogen Dioxide - NO₂);
(Nitrogen - N₂);
(Oxygen - O₂);
(Acetylene - C₂H₂)

Among them (Methane - CH₄) is to be managed with extreme and full care as it is inflammable. Methane is not generally considered a toxic gas, however, it is extremely flammable even in low concentrations when mixed with other chemicals - it is also asphyxiated as it will displace oxygen. This is particularly dangerous in confined spaces working.

Methane could ignite a fire under various circumstances.

Now, the "Personal Protective Equipments" are being widely used in mining areas.

Modern types of equipment have been added with the items such as that of Cap Lamp; Halogen Bulbs; and Respiratory Protection. Mine safety officers and mine design engineers are now using the instrument such as methane and carbon monoxide detector at the mining areas. The devices are the detector tube and the detector tube pump generally used at the coal mining sites.

The number of accidents would increase if the scenario goes unchecked, and that a clarification call is needed for the prevention of accidents at the mining sites in our country by abiding the rules and regulations with the international safety methods.

In conclusion, the writer of the article would like to urge all stakeholders to come together and work for the safety of the mining sites.

As the "Rock Trap" system has been attached, the big boulder

Translated by UMT (Ahlon)



Myanmar Daily Weather Report

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BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is strong over the Andaman Sea and South Bay of Bengal and moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL MORNING OF THE 12th June, 2019: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Mandalay and Magway regions, scattered in Nay Pyi Taw, Lower Sagaing Region and Kayah State, fairly widespread in Shan State and widespread in the remaining Regions and states with isolated heavy falls in Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States. Degree of certainty is (100%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Squalls with rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40)m.p.h. Wave height will be about (8-12)feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of increase of rain in Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon states.

FORECAST FOR Nay Pyi Taw AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 12th June, 2019: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 12th June, 2019: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 12th June, 2019: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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Hlawga Hatchery conducting research on breeding Chitala Chitala

THE Hlawga Hatchery under the Yangon Region Fisheries Department, which produces 19 fish varieties for local breeders, is currently carrying out research on breeding Chitala Chitala of Myanmar origin in order to meet market demand.

"The fish breeding season has started. More fish larvae will be produced by the end of June. Only the striped catfish reproduce in August. Research is being carried out on Chitala Chitala of Myanmar origin so it can be distributed to fish breeders. Now, the fish is at the spawning stage. We are collecting three-year-old fish and making efforts to breed them through induced spawning. Chitala Chitala of Myanmar origin is fetching K8,000 per viss (equivalent to 1.6 kg), and is, therefore, a lucrative species for breeders," said U Ye Tun Naing, the Assistant Director of the Hlawga hatchery.

The Hlawga Hatchery is producing 19 species of fish, including marketable carp, striped catfish, barb, climbing perch, catla, and mrigal, in order to distribute them to fish farmers. Chitala Chitala does



Fisherman breeding fishes at a farm in the Hlawga Hatchery.

PHOTO: THAN SOE

not require a separate pond and can be used in mixed farming with rohu and carp, thereby making an attractive prospect for fish farmers.

"The Hlawga Hatchery is conducting research on egg volume produced by a female Chitala Chitala, larval size, growth, and development rate. A white carp can hatch 80,000 eggs, while a striped catfish produces 120,000 eggs. Research on Chitala Chitala breeding is underway. To improve Myanmar's fisheries sector, the rainy season has been set as a no-fishing period as it is the

breeding season for fish," according to the Fisheries Department.

If the reproduction of Myanmar origin Chitala Chitala is successful, it will help pave the way to external markets and earning foreign income, and improve the livelihood and socio-economic conditions of fish farmers.

The Hlawga Hatchery has been distributing fish to the region and states, except Chin State, eastern Shan State, and upper Sagaing Region. Fish are primarily farmed in Mandalay, Ayeyawady, and Bago regions.

Myanmar stepped into the

hatchery business in 1958 with wild-caught fish. However, the lack of artificial breeding techniques forced fish breeders to import fish. In 1962, Myanmar livestock breeders, with the help of Indian experts, launched a hatchery in Hlawga and achieved good results. The Hlawga Hatchery is the largest in Myanmar.

The Yangon Region Fisheries Department offers intensive fish farming courses, covering artificial breeding, maintaining fish origin, nursing fingerlings or larvae, quality control of water, and fish diseases and treatment at the Hlawga Hatchery.

Around 30 hatcheries are operating under the Myanmar Fisheries Department. To enhance the livestock sector, the Fisheries Department is conducting educational courses and raising awareness about illegal fish farming and the conservation of endangered fish species, as well as making efforts to add fish back to rivers, creeks, dams, and reservoirs, and collecting fishery data, with the help of international organizations. —Than Htike

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Rakhine: Police confiscate four mln psychotropic tablets in two separate cases

AUTHORITIES in Maungtown Township, Rakhine State, confiscated 399,550 psychotropic tablets on 9 June and 19,500 tablets on 10 June, according to Myanmar Police Force.

Police raided an agricultural garden owned by Arakan Rakkhita Group (ARG) near Kayae Myaing Village on the Maungtown-Angumaw on 9 June, acting on a tip-off. They arrested the in-charge Han Soe and foreman Chit Nay Win, both of who are Rakhine Buddhists. Police confiscated over three million WY/R psychotropic tablets hidden in empty UPG paint cans and a motorbike from inside the garden building.

Further investigation led to the arrest of MraukU Township residents Win Tun, Phoe Than and Nyi Law, all Rakhine Buddhists, who confessed that they were smuggling the illegal drugs from Sittway.

From there, police were able to capture U Ba Aye, the garden's owner and another Rakhine Buddhist, on 10 June.

Police say U Ba Aye con-

fessed to establishing the ARG in 2014 at the base of Mayu Mountain between Kin Chaung Village and Bawdigon Village in Maungtown Township. He is said to be serving as the Chairman of the 260-member ARG since 2017.

Myanmar Police Force is working hard towards apprehending all related accomplices after U Ba Aye said the ARG have established themselves in MraukU as well.

In a separate case on 10 June, police arrested a man identified as Mohammed Ismail transporting 19,500 psychotropic tablets from Maungtown to Ngan Chaung Village.

Police interrogation revealed that he purchased the illegal drugs from a man in Ward 3 of Maungtown whose identification is still under investigation. A case has been opened under MaYa(Ka) 24/2019, Section 19-a of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law at Pyin Pyu Police Station. —MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)



Suspects Chit Nay Win, Nyi Lay (a) Nyunt Lwin, Han Soe, Phoe Than, Win Tun and ARG owner Ba Aye (a) Khine Htoo. PHOTO: MPF



Photo shows seized psychotropic tablets. PHOTO: MPF

Yangon Region submits draft budget for next fiscal

By Nyein Nyein

YANGON Region has drafted a budget for the 2019-2020 Financial Year, with a total allocation of more than K772 billion and estimated expenditure of more than K771 billion, said U Myint Thuang, the Minister for Planning and Finance for Yangon Region.

He made the remarks on behalf of the regional government on 11 June, the first day of the 2nd Yangon Region Hluttaw's special meeting.

The total budget includes allocation of K126.432 billion

from the Union budget, K248.048 billion from Union government revenue, K69.993 billion from revenue collected by regional departments and organizations, K134.401 billion from other revenue sources, K32.285 billion from capital receipts, and K160.889 billion from debt receipts, which add up to K772.048 billion, said the minister.

The budget estimates revenue expenditure of K203.121 billion and capital spending of K568.926 billion, totalling K771.048 billion, said U Myint Thuang.

Tax Revenues are expected

to total K69.993 billion, including receipts of K11.618 billion from the General Administration Department, K956 million from the Fisheries Department, K148 million from the Forest Department, K55.825 billion from the YCDC, and K1.452 billion from development affairs organizations.

In addition, the budget has accounted for revenue receipts of K133.408 billion from Yangon Region's 28 departments, an emergency fund of K1 billion reserved by the Union government, capital receipts of K1 million from the Urban and Housing Development Department, cap-

ital receipts of K31.283 billion from the YCDC, and K160.889 billion in debt receipts.

In its budget, the Yangon Region government has set revenue expenditure at K202.122 billion, while emergency fund expenses are estimated at K1 billion.

Capital expenditure is estimated at K134.353 billion for 28 regional departments, K165.439 billion for road and bridge construction, K35.468 billion for river bank erosion prevention activities, K45.425 billion for electricity, K152.250 billion for regional development, and K35.991 billion

for land compensation.

"The draft budget is committed to regional development. The expenditure has been factored into the budget. And, it has been approved by the Regional Government," said U Myint Thuang.

"We have tried to balance budget and expenditure, through discussions with the related departments," he said.

The regional Hluttaw representatives will debate the draft budget of Yangon Region for the 2019-2020 fiscal year today.

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Global Earth Public to offer 5 mln shares at issue price of K10,000

By Aye Yamone

THE Global Earth Public Co. Ltd., which is implementing the striped catfish farming project, will issue 5 million shares at a price of K10,000 per share, according to the Myanmar Fisheries Federation. Buyers will be required to purchase a minimum of 100 shares, the federation added.

The company will have to submit an estimate of its earnings and growth potential to the Myanmar Loan Certificate Supervisory Commission. After receiving the recommendations of the commission, the company will have to register with the Directorate of Investment and

Company Administration.

"After the registration process has been completed, we will invite shareholders. As we go public, we want everyone to participate so that we can work effectively. We plan to sell a total of 5 million shares. Each share will be priced at K10,000. Interested buyers will have to purchase a minimum of 100 shares (worth K1 million). This is a public company, and so, it will be a bit different from what we said," said Dr. Toe Nanda Tin, vice-chairperson, MFF, at the 10/2019 Aquatic Sector Entrepreneurs' regular meeting held on 11 June at the Myanmar Fisheries Federation.

"The striped catfish project is being implemented on over 900 acres of land in the Pantanaw Township in Ayeyawady region. With this farming project, we will build feed factories and cold storage factories. A total of US\$200 million will be initially invested in the project," she said.

Although the MFF had said that Global Earth Public Co. will offer over 100 shares in June and each share will be worth K10,000 now, share buyers will be invited after evaluating the company's potential, she added.

"It will take three or four months because the process cannot be finished right away. Drawing an anticipation of the

company's potential for improvement will take one and a half months. Then, we need to deal with the Myanmar Loan Certificate Supervisory Commission. Afterwards, we have to register with the DICA," said Dr. Toe Nanda Tin.

The project land was inspected by the Permanent Secretary and officials from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, on behalf of the Myanmar Investment Commission, to check whether it can have a negative impact on the environment. The MIC granted permission for the project in the first month of 2019 soon after it received a clean

report from the Ministry.

Under the project, fish farming will be conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations, according to the Global Earth Company. The company will also provide technical assistance regarding farming and feeding systems, in addition to ensuring water quality. The Global Earth Company will obtain a bank loan if it cannot attract investors for enough shares. A total of 120,000 striped catfish fingerlings are being kept in 80 hatcheries for the project. The MFF will purchase fish produced under the project for a minimum price of K2,200 per viss.

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Agro exports up \$247 mln in Oct-May

MYANMAR'S exports of agricultural products from 1 October to 31 May in the current fiscal year crossed US\$2.3 billion from \$2.09 billion in the corresponding period of the 2017-2018FY, according to trade figures released by the Ministry of Commerce.

The figures show an increase of \$246.6 million compared with the year-ago period.

The agricultural sector has done the best along with the natural gas sector. The chief items of export in the agricultural sector are rice and broken rice, pulses, corn, and rubber. Myanmar also ships fruits and vegetables, sesame, dried tea leaves, sugar, and other agro products to other countries.

Nevertheless, agricultural exports have not seen a remarkable increase in terms of trade



Farmers work in the organic farm in Nay Pyi Taw.

PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE

value owing to China's tight confiscation of some agro products, including rice, since the second week of October.

The Commerce Ministry is negotiating with the Chinese authorities to increase the quota limit for Myanmar rice and broken rice, and it has also agreed

to implement a barter system. The Ministry is also working to help farmers deal with challenges such as high input costs, procurement of pedigree seeds, high cultivation costs, and erratic weather.— Ko Htet

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Over 30,000 workers sent abroad legally in May

OVER 30,000 workers left the country legally to seek employment in other countries in the month of May, according to figures released by the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population.

Improving the job prospects of people, the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population has made arrangements to allow workers to seek jobs at home and abroad.

The Ministry is making concerted efforts to create better employment opportunities through a new online labour exchange management system, which serves as a bridge between employers and employees.

In May, Myanmar sent a total of 30,326 workers to other countries legally — 8,237 workers to

Malaysia, 37 to Singapore, 377 to South Korea, 20,977 to Thailand, 658 to Japan, 24 to UAE, 39 to Jordan, 10 to Qatar, and three to Macau.

In addition, 24,019 domestic job seekers were offered employment in the states and regions in May. Among them, 216 are working in the Union territory, 14,131 in Yangon Region, 544 in Ayeyawady Region, 4,521 in Bago Region, 1,370 in Mandalay Region, 963 in Sagaing Region, 534 in Magway Region, and 233 in Taninthayi region.

Some locals found employment in the states — 94 in Kachin State, 44 in Kayah State, 418 in Kayin State, four in Chin State, 255 in Mon State, 226 in Rakhine State, and 644 in Shan State.— MNA (Translated by Hay Mar)

EIA Report introduction

AN event introducing Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Report jointly conducted by Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation and Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation was held at Hilton Hotel, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

The event was attended by Union Ministers Dr. Aung Thu and U Ohn Win, Deputy Ministers, representatives from Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw, representatives of World Bank and international development partner organizations, INGOs, NGOs, private business persons and departmental officials.

At the event Union Minister Dr. Aung Thu said destruction and extinction of marshes, mangroves, wetlands, estuaries, tidal forests, corals and reefs and the decline in breeding grounds and population of

aquatic animals and fishes are not only related to fishery sector but also linked to other sectors that were part of the world's natural environmental problems.

Fishing methods that destroy fishery works, wrong fishery management, pollution, illegal fish breeding, increase in human population, rise in ultra violet ray, climate change and high acid content in oceans are dangers threatening fishery sector.

When assessments and studies on the direct and indirect reasons for decline in fish resources, it was not only over fishing but decline in fish production was also becoming a threat in the fishery sector.

To respond to these challenges, everyone's participation and cooperation toward implementing an eco-system based fishery management and establishing a sustainable development policy is required

said the Union Minister.

Next Union Minister U Ohn Win said Myanmar is rich in natural resources while it is a place where diverse bio-species of the world can be found and thus it is important to conserve, retain and manage the natural resources of the country in a sustainable way.

EIA Report's legality, organizational problems and challenges that can be faced were being provided. Conducting EIA exposes possible bad effects of big development works and to manage it properly requires balancing economic development, environmental control and social cooperation.

If there was inadequate arrangement for natural environment, environmental degradation, water, air and land pollution as well as other natural environmental problems can occur while rapid ur-

banization and development of industries causes environmental and health problems. Therefore arrangements were being made to announce national waste management strategy's main work programs of providing good waste disposal service for all the citizens, reducing undisciplined disposal and burning of waste in cities, designate and enact waste disposal services, said the Union Minister.

Afterwards, an official from the World Bank Environment and Natural Resources Program Regional Manager Mr. Christophe Crepin explained about works conducted on Myanmar EIA Report and show a EIA Report video record.

The EIA Report introduced was from various views of forest sector, fishery sector, environmental assessment system, solid waste, plastics and air pollution sector and shows

separate work processes, suggestions and road maps.

The report will indicate the direction Myanmar's natural environment and resources were heading to, support in understanding and strengthening the monitoring and

conservation system. Furthermore understanding of monitoring solid waste disposal and importance of management can be achieved and sector wise requirements can be fulfilled it is learnt. — MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR MINISTRY OF ELECTRICITY AND ENERGY NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Date : 12th June, 2019

Invitation for Bids

IDA, Credit No : 5727-MM

Contract Title : Installation of Distribution Lines and Transformers for Adaptation Villages in Sagaing, Magway, Shan (North), Shan (South), Bago (East), Bago (West), Mon for National Electrification Project

Reference No: MOEE-NEP/C1-W16/19

1. The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the National Electrification Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds towards payments under the contract for Installation of Distribution Lines and Transformers MOEE-NEP/C1-W16/19 for Adaptation Villages in Sagaing, Magway, Shan (North), Shan (South), Bago (East), Bago (West), Mon.

2. The Ministry of Electricity and Energy now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for Installation of Distribution Lines and Transformers MOEE-NEP/C1-W16/19 for Adaptation Villages in Sagaing, Magway, Shan (North), Shan (South), Bago (East), Bago (West), Mon in the following locations.

The number and identification of lots comprising this installation bidding MOEE-NEP/C1-W16/19 process for Sagaing, Magway, Shan (North), Shan (South), Bago (East), Bago (West), Mon is:

Lot 1: Sagaing Region - 68 villages

Lot 2: Shan (North) State, Bago (West) Region and Bago (East) Region - 68 villages

Lot 3: Shan (South) State, Mon State and Magway Region - 55 villages

3. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding procedures as specified in the World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers ("Procurement Guidelines"), and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the Procurement Guidelines. In addition, please refer to paragraphs 1.6 and 1.7 setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Project Management Office (National Electrification Project), Project Manager and nep.pmomoep@gmail.com and inspect the bidding documents during office hours [09:30 to 16:00 hours] at the address given below.

5. A complete set of bidding documents in English may be obtained free of charge by interested eligible bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below. The Bidding Documents will be issued through email only.

6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **12th July, 2019 (10:00 A.M)** - Myanmar Time. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the bidders' designated representatives and anyone who choose to attend at the address below.

7. All bids must be accompanied by "Bid-Security"

8. The address (es) referred to above is (are):

Attention: **Project Manager**
Project Management Office (National Electrification Project)
Office Building No.27, Ministry of Electricity and Energy
City: **Nay Pyi Taw**
Country: **The Republic of the Union of Myanmar**
Zip Code: 15011
Telephone: **+95 67 3431175**
Facsimile number: **+95 67 3431176**
Electronic mail address: nep.pmomoep@gmail.com

Timor-Leste delegation arrives in Nay Pyi Taw

A TIMOR-LESTE delegation led by Foreign Affairs and Cooperation Minister Dionisio da Costa Babo Soares arrived in Nay Pyi Taw at 7 pm yesterday.

The delegation was welcomed at the Nay Pyi Taw International Airport by officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador of Timor-Leste Mr. Joao Freitas de Camara and diplomats from the Embassy of Timor-Leste. —MNA



Foreign Affairs and Cooperation Minister of Timor-Leste Dionisio da Costa Babo Soares arrives at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

PHOTO: MNA

Announcement of changing manufacturer

Concerning the above case, it is to inform that changing the previous manufacturer for the following pesticide has been approved by the Pesticide Registration Board of Myanmar – **Jinjiang Luoshan Anlu Hygiene Products Co., Ltd** to new manufacturer **Fujian Benma Daily Chemicals Limited**.

No	Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Registration Type	Registration Number
1.	Lethwei Kyaw Anti-Mosquito Coils	Meperfluthrin 0.05%	Provisional	P2017-3349

If there is anyone not accept this changing of manufacturer, can contact to Co-Secretary, Pesticide Registration Board (Myanmar), Plant Protection Division, Western Gyo Gone, Insein Township.

Jinjiang Luoshan Anlu Hygiene Products Co., Ltd
No. 118 Wuan Industrial Aera, Luoshan Town, Jinjiang City, Fujian Province, P.R. CHINA.
TEL: (86) 595-88195885

Pakistan ex-president Zardari arrested over graft charges

North Korean leader's brother was CIA informant: Wall St Journal

ISLAMABAD (Pakistan) — Former Pakistani president Asif Ali Zardari was arrested Monday after his bail application was rejected in connection with a high-profile money laundering case that saw millions allegedly siphoned out of the country.

Zardari, husband of assassinated former prime minister Benazir Bhutto, served as president from 2008 until 2013 and has long been the subject of corruption allegations, and he is widely known in Pakistan as “Mr Ten Percent”.

Small scuffles erupted between police and supporters of Zardari's Pakistan People's Party (PPP) outside his family's residence in Islamabad as he was taken into custody.

A senior PPP official confirmed the arrest.

The charges in the

latest case centre around allegations Zardari laundered vast sums of money through suspect bank accounts and companies.

Last year, Pakistani authorities discovered several accounts in the name of poor people that had been flooded with cash, then suddenly emptied.

Pakistan's Supreme Court established a commission in September to investigate the scourge, finding that at least US\$400 million had passed through “thousands of false accounts”.

Zardari has repeatedly dismissed allegations he had a hand in the scheme, calling the government an instrument of the powerful military and labelling Prime Minister Imran Khan the army's “blue-eyed boy”.

Never popular and

always shrouded in controversy, Zardari — who was once jailed for 11 years for corruption — stepped down from the president's office in 2013.

But he has continued to serve as co-chairman of the opposition PPP.

The arrest comes as the economy continues to spiral and discontent simmers in Pakistan following repeated devaluations of the rupee, soaring inflation, and rising utility prices. Khan, a longtime foe of Zardari, was elected prime minister last year after running a heated campaign vowing to crack-down on corruption.

Former prime minister Nawaz Sharif is also currently behind bars, after being sentenced to seven years in prison late last year on corruption charges. —AFP ■

SEOUL (South Korea) — Kim Jong Nam, the estranged half brother of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un who was killed in Malaysia in 2017, was a CIA informant, the Wall Street Journal reported Tuesday.

Citing “a person knowledgeable about the matter”, the paper said Kim Jong Nam had met with CIA operatives several times. Kim Jong Nam, who was once seen as heir apparent to the North's leadership, died after having his face smeared with the outlawed VX nerve agent as he waited at Kuala Lumpur airport. According to the Journal's source there was a “nexus” between Kim Jong Nam and the CIA, but the paper said many details of his connection with the intelligence agency were unclear.

The source said Kim Jong Nam travelled to Ma-

laysia in February 2017 to meet his CIA contact, but that may not have been the only purpose of his trip. Kim Jong Nam died after being attacked at Kuala Lumpur International Airport on 13 February, 2017 in a Cold War-style assassination that shocked the world.

Two young women, one Vietnamese and one Indonesian, were arrested and charged with the murder. They insisted they were tricked by North Ko-

rean agents into carrying out the hit and had thought it was a reality TV show prank.

Malaysian prosecutors eventually dropped the murder charges against them and Indonesian Siti Aisyah was released in March this year while her Vietnamese co-accused Doan Thi Huong was freed in May. South Korea has accused the North of ordering the hit, which Pyongyang denies. —AFP ■



Kim Jong Nam apparently fell from grace after being deported from Japan in 2001 for trying to enter on a forged passport to visit Disneyland. PHOTO: AFP

CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

M.V ALS SUZURAN VOY. NO. (040 N/S)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V ALS SUZURAN VOY. NO. (040 N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 12-06-2019 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S INTERASIA LINES

Phone No: 2301185

CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

M.V OLYMPIA VOY. NO. (922S)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V OLYMPIA VOY. NO. (922S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 12-06-2019 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of MITT/MIP where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S MCC TRANSPORT (S'PORE)
PTE LTD

Phone No: 2301185

CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

M.V TRUONG MINH STAR

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V TRUONG MINH STAR VOY. NO. (07/19) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 12-06-2019 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W-6 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S BEN LINE AGENCIES
(SINGAPORE) PTE, LTD

Phone No: 2301928

CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

M.V MCC MERGUI VOY. NO. (923W)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V MCC MERGUI VOY. NO. (923W) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 12-06-2019 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T/T.M.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S MCC TRANSPORT (S'PORE)
PTE LTD

Phone No: 2301185

CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

M.V SINAR SOLO VOY. NO. (850N/S)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V SINAR SOLO VOY. NO. (850N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 12-06-2019 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of H.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S SAMUDERA SHIPPING LINE

Phone No: 2301185

CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

M.V PACAO VOY. NO. (057N/S)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V PACAO VOY. NO. (057N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 12-06-2019 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of H.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S NEW GOLDEN SEA SHIPPING
LINES

Phone No: 2301185

Trade Remedy

By Aung Naing Oo

Misunderstandings and misinterpretations

- Other country exporting their used products is dumping and it must be restricted
- In order to strengthen and protect local industries at an early stage of their development Anti-dumping Tax is to be collected on similar products imported into Myanmar
- Safeguard Measures need to be put in place by increasing tax on imports to protect local industries

The above mentioned comments are the most common words heard when meetings between local businesses and policy makers were held. In other words, it is a misunderstood and personal interpretation of Trade Remedies set down by World Trade Organization.

Free Trade or Fair Trade

Majority of the people think of WTO as an organization aiming for Free Trade. However, one should note that Free Trade is not always Fair Trade. Quoting directly from its website WTO say it is the only international organization dealing with the global rules of trade. Its main function is to ensure that trade flows as smoothly, predictably and freely as possible.

WTO ensure that trade is as fair as possible by negotiating rules and abiding by them. The WTO's rules — the agreements — are the result of negotiations between the members. The complete set runs to some



A crane transfers goods at a port in Qingdao, in China's eastern Shandong province on 10 June, 2019. **PHOTO: AFP**

30,000 pages consisting of about 30 agreements and separate commitments (called schedules) made by individual members in specific areas, such as lower tariffs and services market-opening. The agreements also include remedial action or Trade Remedies in case of disruption of fair trade to an importing country as well as to a third country that was exporting to the importing country.

Trade Remedies

In order to ensure fair trade WTO allow member countries to use Trade Remedies. The three Trade Remedies in brief are:

- Anti Dumping or AD: Dumping occurs when a country sells a product to another country at a price lower than its actual production cost. Some country practices this to gain market share. If this occurs, the importing country's domes-

tic manufacturing sector will be affected. When the importing country finds out about this, it is permitted to conduct Anti-Dumping measures meaning the collection of Anti-Dumping duty on the imported product.

- Countervailing Duty or CVD: A government subsidize its manufacturers with cash or kind in order for the manufactured product to compete in the market. The outcome is that product gain market share as it can sell at cheaper rate than the same product manufactured at other country where the manufacturers were not subsidized. This will also affect the importing country's manufacture of that product. If this happen the importing country conduct necessary investigations and take countervailing action in term of Countervailing Duty on the subsidized product.

- Safeguard: Safeguard measure is defined as "emergency" action with respect to increased imports of particular product(s) that cause or threaten to cause serious injury to the importing country's domestic industry. In other word, it is raising the amount of tax collected on the imported product or place restriction on the amount of

product that can be imported. The recent tax increase by EU on Indica Rice from Myanmar and Cambodia is the practice of the Safeguard mechanism. The important point here is that if the product exported by a country was not subsidized or was being dumped this was not an Unfair Trade and the country taking up Safeguard measure is liable to pay fair compensation to the exporting country if demanded. Furthermore, Safeguard is a temporary measure and could not be practiced for more than four years.

Practicing Trade Remedies

Requirements to practice Trade Remedies well include subject and technology wise expertise as well as being well versed in negotiating skills.

If our country encounters dumping, subsidized imports and import surge causing material or serious injury or threat to local industries an investigation must be conducted first.

Only after having firm evidences can we inform WTO about it and practice one of the three Trade Remedies. In doing this, countries enact laws, regulations, setup procedures and announcements on Trade



PHOTO: AFP

Remedies. However of the 164 WTO member countries, 74 countries hadn't enacted laws and regulations on Anti-dumping, 73 countries hadn't enacted laws and regulations on CVD and 120 countries hadn't enacted laws and regulations on Safeguard. Most countries were seen to have chosen the path of enacting law(s) and regulation(s) for a Trade Remedy that was most appropriate for it.

Among the ten ASEAN countries Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines and Viet Nam had enacted AD, CVD and Safeguard laws. Singapore had enacted AD and CVD laws but no law on Safeguard. Cambodia and Laos were under the process of drawing up laws. Myanmar and Brunei had no laws on Trade Remedy.

Practicing Trade Remedies sometime leads to disputes and there were some instances when it went up to WTO Arbitration process. According to information up to 2019 there were 131 disputes on Dumping, 127 disputes on Countervailing and 61 disputes on Safeguard.

Legal frame

Relevant persons were found working together to strengthen legal frames related to businesses in Myanmar. Strengthening legal frames doesn't mean Pyidaungsu Hluttaw enacting laws only. Relevant rules and procedures were to be established and announcements and notifications issued. The governmental entity that is implementing the law, rules, procedures, announcements and notifications must have the capacity to do it.

Only when everything related to the law can be worked on can the legal frame considered as completed. Some international legal experts had pointed out that Myanmar was able to enact many laws but some hadn't reached a stage to be practiced yet and capacities of the law implementing governmental entities also need to be raised.

Laws on Trade Remedies were drawn up and enacted to protect the country's local businesses and to protect from unfair trade practices. The laws include in depth matters on related subjects as well as special matters and the majority of the countries were found to form specially established and trained entity to implement the laws.

When a review was conducted on some countries, it was found that drawing up, enacting and implementing trade remedy laws took from three to five years to seven to ten years.

(Translated by Handytips)

Visa sees growth in digital payments in Myanmar as usage and acceptance points expand

VISA, the world's leader in digital payments, announced the people of Myanmar continue to embrace digital payments with increased consumer spending and more merchants accepting digital payments across the country.

Total spending on Myanmar-issued Visa cards grew by 25 per cent in March 2019 when compared to the same period last year, while the number of transactions increased by 62 per cent¹.

Ms. Lillian Wang, Country Manager for Visa Myanmar said: "We're pleased to see continued growth in digital payments here in Myanmar as more consumers and businesses are realizing the benefits of going cashless. We believe consumer education, the introduction of new payment technologies such as contactless and wider acceptance of digital payments are all contributing to this growth. Visa contactless technology is transforming the way consumers conduct their daily lives and is enabling merchants in traditionally cash-based segment to access a fast and secure digital payments solution."

The increases correspond to the growing number of merchants that accept digital payments, which has risen by 30 per



Officials and staff pose for documentary Photo. PHOTO: SUPPLY

cent². "In order for the country to fully reap the benefits of digital payments and to continue on its economic growth trajectory, compliance to global rules and standards must be in place, which is the backbone of a sustainably efficient economy," added Ms. Wang. Visa has taken a proactive role in engaging with client banks and government bodies to introduce rules and best practices to ensure that proper security measures are in place. The latest engagement included conducting workshops on Anti-Money Laundering and Anti-Terrorist Financing. The workshop provided participants with global and regional

trends in anti-money laundering, an overview of Visa's compliance program, an approach to effective transaction monitoring and best-practice sharing.

"As a global payments technology company that connects consumers, businesses, financial institutions and governments in more than 200 countries around the world, Visa has extensive experience combating money laundering. We are delighted to be able to share our knowledge and hope the workshop will add value and help our clients improve operational efficiency and minimize risks in their business thereby enabling businesses and

Myanmar economy to thrive," Ms. Wang added.

The workshop included representatives from seven banks, namely Asia Green Development Bank, Ayeyarwady Bank, Co-Operative Bank, Kanbawza Bank, Myanma Apex Bank, Myanmar Oriental Bank, and United Amara Bank.

1 VisaNet data March 2018 vs March 2019

2 Asia Green Development Bank, Ayeyarwady Bank, Co-Operative Bank, Kanbawza Bank, Myanma Apex Bank, Myanmar Oriental Bank, and United Amara Bank, March 2018 vs March 2019. —GNLM

METRO showcase diverse products range and innovative solutions at FHMM 2019

AT the sixth Food & Hotel Myanmar (FHMM) 2019 held from 5 to 7 June at the Myanmar Expo in Yangon, METRO Wholesale Myanmar engaged with thousands of trade visitors. METRO was the lead exhibitor of the trade event drawing representatives from hotels, restaurants and caterers as well as independent

traders to its booth to show case its diverse product range and innovative one-stop-shop solution that is unique to Myanmar.

At FHMM 2019, METRO displayed a number of products from supplier partners including beverages, frozen foods, along with canned and dry goods. On each day, METRO hosted daily

tasting sessions of wines from Chile, France and Argentina, METRO Own Brand products and imported meats.

During the exhibition, METRO team guided visitors through its efficient digital ordering platforms and delivery services. METRO offers customers across the country the ability to select from an assortment of more than 2,000 high quality food and non-food products, with delivery made to their doorstep.

METRO supported FHMM 2019 activities such as the Myanmar Culinary Arts Competition by MCAC. In addition to providing surprise cooking items for the competition participants, METRO sponsored the prizes for the competition. Team Novotel Yangon Max won first prize (METRO Shopping Vouchers worth MMK 500,000) and second prize (METRO Shopping Vouchers worth MMK 300,000)

and team Pun Hlaing Country Club in Pun Hlaing Golf Estate won third prize (METRO Shopping Vouchers worth MMK 100,000). Mr. Hyacinthe Cloarec, Commercial Director of METRO Wholesale Myanmar, presented the prizes to the competition winners on 7 June 2019.

METRO "deliver foods directly from farm to fork" and aims to help improve agriculture sector of Myanmar by buying directly from farmers for its B2B customers. Farmers benefit more from the optimized and efficient supply chain while its B2B customers enjoy premium freshness of the products as well. As the ultimate purpose is to be the "Champion for independent Business", METRO Wholesale Myanmar serves independent business people with differentiated and exclusive food assortment, services and solutions. —GLLM



Visitors to METRO booth in FHMM 2019. PHOTO METRO WHOLESALE MYANMAR

Myanmar beat Singapore 2-1 in international friendly match



Myanmar national team's striker Aung Thu (white) vies for the ball with Singapore team's midfielder Anumanthan Kumar (red) during the international "A" friendly match on 11 June in Singapore. **PHOTO: MFF**

By Kyaw Khin

THE Myanmar national team beat the Singapore national team, The Lions, by 2-1 in international "A" friendly match yesterday at the Sports Hub, National Stadium, Singapore.

Myanmar lined up with goalkeeper Kyaw Zin Htet, and players Win Moe Kyaw, Zaw Min Tun, Soe Moe Kyaw,

Nanda Kyaw, Yan Aung Kyaw, Hlaing Bo Bo, Si Thu Aung, Mg Mg Lwin, Aung Thu, and Kyaw Ko Ko.

Myanmar took the lead as early as the 5th minute, when striker Kyaw Ko Ko finished tidily into the bottom corner after good work on the left from Myanmar.

The Lions equalized in the 25th minute through Gabriel

Quak, who scored off his own rebound after seeing Myanmar goalkeeper Kyaw Zin Htet save his first attempt.

Both teams struggled to create clear chances, until another error by Singapore led to Myanmar's win. The winning goal was taken by Kyaw Ko Ko in the 68th minute, with the ball sliding past Singapore goalkeeper Hassan Sunny.

Stronger, faster, but not higher: Tokyo Olympics to warn on weed

TOKYO (Japan)— In what you might call a joint statement, Tokyo 2020 organisers Tuesday noted the need to warn countries with relaxed cannabis laws that weed isn't allowed in Japan.

"There are countries and regions around the world that have relaxed rules recently on the use

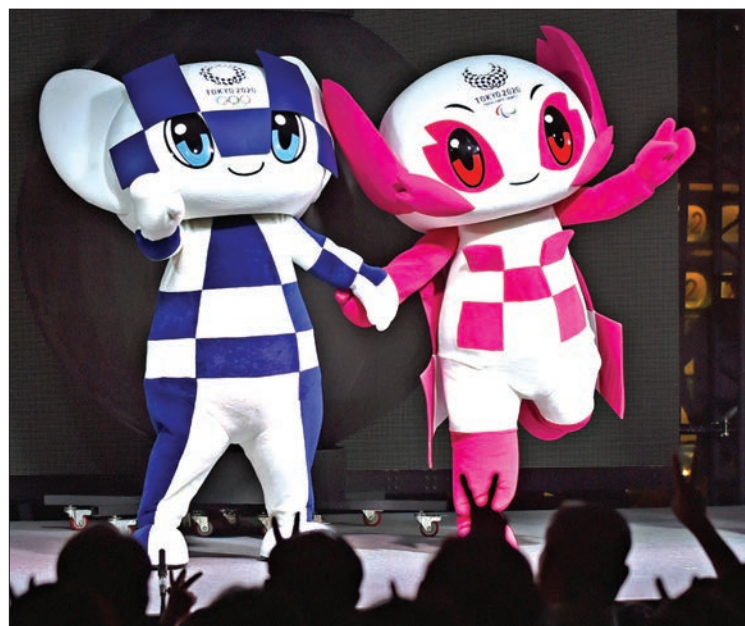
of cannabis," noted Tokyo 2020 CEO Toshiro Muto.

"The use of cannabis constitutes a violation of the law in Japan and that needs to be fully communicated," he added.

Muto said the topic was raised by a member of the Tokyo 2020 executive board as some-

thing that should be transmitted to the heads of country teams when they visit Tokyo ahead of the Games. Cannabis rules in Japan are strict, with up to five years' prison for personal use and seven years for dealing. Cannabis is also listed as a performance-enhancing drug by the World Anti-Doping Agency.

The US anti-doping agency USADA notes on its website that marijuana could "decrease anxiety and tension, resulting in better sport performance under pressure". "Due to the illegal nature of marijuana in most countries, the use or abuse of marijuana does not exhibit the ethics and moral judgment that upholds the spirit of sport," the body adds. The issue hit the headlines in Japan when two Japanese snowboarders were punished after traces of marijuana were detected in their hair following a party in December 2015.— AFP ■



Just say no to cannabis in Japan. **PHOTO: AFP**

Second round of MPT Myanmar National League 2019 to begin on 15 June

THE second round of MPT Myanmar National League 2019 will begin on 15 June, according to the national league's Facebook page.

In the first round of the league, matches were played over 11 weeks. Week 12 will be the first week in the second round of the tourney, and it will feature six matches, which will take place on 15 and 16 June.

On 15 June, Hantharwady F.C. will play against Yadanarbon F.C. at the Grand Royal Stadium in Bago Town of Bago Region; Southern F.C. will compete against Ayeyawady F.C. at the Mawlamyine Stadium in Mawlamyine Town, Mon

State; Shan United F.C. will take on Chinland F.C. at the Taunggyi Stadium in Taunggyi Town, Shan State; and, Zwegapin F.C. will face Sagaing F.C. at the Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon.

On 16 June, Yangon United F.C. will play against Rakhine United F.C. at the Y.U.S.C Stadium in Yangon, and Dagon United F.C. will take on Magwe F.C. at the Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon.

The two matches between Zwegapin F.C. and Sagaing F.C., and between Dagon and Magwe will be held at 4 p.m. and the other matches will start at 3.30 p.m. —Kyaw Khin

Durant's shock injury exit stuns NBA Finals rivals

TORONTO (Canada)— When Golden State star Kevin Durant went down 12 minutes into his long-awaited comeback game Monday in the NBA Finals, players on both sides were stunned.

Durant, the 2017 and 2018 NBA Finals Most Valuable Player, suffered a right Achilles tendon injury in the Warriors' 106-105 victory over Toronto, trimming the Raptors' lead to 3-2 in the best-of-seven series.

"It was a real shock when he went down," Warriors coach Steve Kerr said. "There was just a couple minutes where it all seemed so eerie and strange and it took maybe a little bit for both teams to collect them-

selves."

Durant, who missed the past month with a right calf injury, planted his foot, pulled up and sat down on the floor. He was helped to the locker room and left the arena on crutches.

"I just tried to refocus, but that was very deflating," Warriors guard Klay Thompson said. "It obviously inspires you to play harder knowing your best player can't be out there.

"You think of him every time you dive for a loose ball or go for a rebound, because I know him and I know how bad he wants to be out there. That's why he was out there. It sucks.— AFP ■



Golden State's Kevin Durant sits on the floor after injuring his right Achilles tendon in the second quarter of the Warriors' NBA Finals triumph Monday over Toronto. **PHOTO: AFP**